

Minutes of the Meeting of
PERTON PARISH COUNCIL
held at the Perton Civic Centre on
Monday 11th February 2008 @ 7.00pm

Present: Mrs R.Heseltine [Chairman]
Mrs C. Young [Vice Chairman]
Mrs P Allen
Mrs PN Pitt
Mrs S.Bott
Mrs A.James
D.J.Billson
AK James
AA Bourke
AK Black
S.Bott
D.Heseltine
D Fereday

Also Present: R Moreton – District Councillor
Staffs CC District Partnership Office – Simon Hobbs
Staffs CC – Chris Fridd, Snr Youth Worker
Neighbourhood Police Team: PC Duncan Lampitt
Members of the Public present : Seven
Mathew Viney – Reporter Wolverhampton Chronicle
Parish Clerk – Tony Tappenden

171/08 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were offered and accepted from Cllrs Miss C Duffell, NP Caine and County Councillor RJ Marshall.

172/08 **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

- 1) Mr David Francis of Wentworth Grove raised two issues of concern:
 - a) He had only recently been made aware that planning permission had been granted for Bradshaws farm shop and was concerned regarding both traffic control and the effect to the water course in Smiths Rough.
 - b) With regard to the Lower Lake the Penk exit is blocked and there is additional concern that the land beyond is also causing problems. Following meetings with R. Levesley, P. Davis and A. Cousins from South Staffordshire District Council, he was not convinced that the matter is moving forward. He stated that the problem has come about since the weir near the Upper Lake had been taken away.

Cllr AK James responded stating that both SSDC and Perton Parish Council had objected to the Bradshaw plans which were allowed following an Appeal, neither Council was happy with this outcome.

Commenting on the issues regarding drainage Mr Francis stated that other parties such as Severn Trent were not interested as the Penk is classified as a stream not a river. The Clerk pointed out that there was a copy letter on tonight's agenda dated 14th January, 2008 to R. Levesley, Chief Executive, SSDC from Terry Harding concerning this issue and hopefully the response to this would answer questions concerning drainage issues and the weir.

a) **Police Report**

Reported Crime Figs- Perton- 14/01/08- 11/02/08

Rowdy / ASB behaviour	14	Note 1
ASB Vehicles	0	
Criminal Damage	1	
Burglary dwelling	3 (1)	Note 2
Burglary other building	0	
TWOC/ take vehicle	0	
Theft of M/V	0	
Theft from M/V	1	Note 3
Damage to M/V	0	
Assaults	2	Note 4
Theft Other	4	Note 5
Robbery	0	
Drugs	0	

1. Rowdy and anti-social behaviour/ Nuisance figs are about what seems to be the norm. However there maybe an increase this week with it being half term. The hot spot areas include Anders Sq, Gainsboro', Browning Grove, Tintern Ct, and Auden Ct. Youths seem to find it amusing to upset the plant pots of the elderly at present.
2. There have been more burglary dwellings than normal. One was a car key burglary, but another, and an attempt, has involved intruders entering garages and stealing property such as golf equipment. It is suggested vehicles could be parked up to garage doors, in a way the doors cannot be open from outside.
3. Priority crime such as theft of and from vehicles was good again. However the one report again involved the theft of vehicle number plates.
4. Two assaults were reported. In both the offenders are known and enquiries are ongoing. Neither were of a serious nature and seem to involve a fall out of friends.
5. Of the 4 reports of theft, 1 shoplifter was detained at scene, 1 involved a mobile phone from the school. On a good note, with all the publicity around the stolen shed from The Pavilion, the offenders must have had a conscience and it was returned.
6. There were several reported incidents of internet fraud. It is reminded that all should treat the safety there personal information whilst using the internet as a priority. Along with several scams involving offers too good to miss.
7. Information can be left for Perton Neighbourhood Police team on our voicemails: - 08453 303132. (04259 PC Lampitt) (03537 PC Hossack)(08861 PCSO Wilkes)(08862 PCSO Street). The Staffordshire Police control number is 08453 302010, and Crimestoppers 0800 555 111

PC 4259 Lampitt 11.02.08

PC Lampitt also advised the members that it was his intention to run a Police Surgery from the Civic Centre offices on Sunday 9th March, 2008 between 11.00am and 1.00pm and he assured the members that one of the PCSO's would be utilised in the Civic Centre foyer to direct members of the public to the right location so as not to impact Perton Christian Fellowship, the members raised no objection to this. PC Lampitt further advised that he had received complaints concerning a number of drivers turning left at the prohibition on Jenny Walker Lane and consequently this will be subject to additional checks.

Cllr Billson queried the whereabouts of PC Frank Hossack to which PC Lampitt replied that he had been seconded to the Burglary team for three months working across the entire division.

Cllr AK James expressed thanks regarding the return of the shed previously stolen from the Playing Fields.

Cllr A Bourke stated that there was an increased amount of dog fouling in the areas surrounding Perton schools; PC Lampitt said that he will ensure that the PCSO's remain vigilant to this matter.

Cllr S Bott queried the intermittent attendance of the Police at Parish meetings and asked what cover there is in respect to PC F Hossack in his absence. PC Lampitt replied that they can only cover meetings that coincide with their shift patterns and there is no back fill for PC Hossack. Cllr Mrs P Allen said that in her experience there was prompt response from Cannock Police station when the local neighbourhood teams were not available.

RESOLVED that the Clerk will write to the new Chief Inspector to highlight Parish Councils concerns regarding Police attendance at meetings and non availability due to shift patterns and secondment.

b) **Designated Public Places Order (DPPO)**

The Clerk informed the Members that the consultation exercise was currently being conducted and that appropriately worded notices were displayed in the Civic Centre and village wide notice boards together with the Parish Website to complement the formal notifications and consultation being conducted by Maggie Quinn at SSDC. Responses due by 15th Feb' 08 latest.

174/08 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

- Cllrs Mrs P Pitt and A Bourke and Mrs A James declared personal and prejudicial interest in item 14 concerning Anders Square Litter collection and Johal Dairies.
- Mrs A James declared personal and prejudicial interest in Cheque number 103535 ref Perton Pets and Garden Supplies.
- Cllr Mrs P Allen declared personal interest in two items regarding request for donations in the name of Perton Playing Fields Association and Perton Carnival.
- Cllrs Mrs C Young declared personal interest in the request for the concessionary room hire regarding Perton First School.

175/08 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th January 2008 be confirmed as a true record and the Chairman of the Council duly signed them.

RESOLVED that the draft minutes of the Precept meeting held on 9th January 2008 be confirmed as a true record and the Chairman of the Council duly signed them.

RESOLVED that the draft minutes of the Special Council meeting held on 18th January

2008 be confirmed as a true record and the Chairman of the Council duly signed them.

RESOLVED that the draft minutes of the Special Council meeting held on 21st January 2008 be confirmed as a true record and the Chairman of the Council duly signed them.

RESOLVED that the draft minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 5th February 2008 together with Income Statement for January 2008 be accepted for information.

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STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

(a) **Youth Issues – Simon Hobbs / Chris Fridd**

Simon provided feedback regarding the first of two events that took place on the 31st January at Perton Church. He reminded the members that the Youth Centre now has an extension on closure and he was pleased to say that a large number of partners attending the event showed commitment in various ways. He stated that there had been lots of ideas and great enthusiasm. Cllrs Mrs P Allen said that whilst she arrived at the event late it was a pleasure to see a number of young people in attendance who had stated a keenness to interface to Perton Parish Council. However, she stated that the big issues are funding and premises and whilst the problems were identified the solutions were not. Cllr A Black said that via the meeting he had been task to find volunteers on Perton in respect to Youth Centre provision, and he will use the Villager magazine to send a personal letter of request to Perton citizens to invite volunteers. He further stated that the current building has issues that are associated purely with a lack of maintenance. Cllr DJ Billson agreed that the building issue is one of maintenance but said the issue regarding volunteer workers comes about due to CRB checks and potential allegations.

Cllr Mrs S Bott asked if the outreach workers were still around to which she was informed they are not. Cllr Mrs C Young said that she had attended the Church session and the young people in attendance had made it very clear to her that they did not want youth facilities in the Library nor computers but they did want a building that was pertinent to them and their needs. Cllr Mrs Allen asked how they might go about arranging liaison between the young people and also stated that Charlene Duffell though absent at this meeting was very interested to be included in any arrangements made. Simon suggested that the way forward maybe to utilise a 'political speed conference'; this involves youngsters meeting Councillors in pairs and spending a few minutes before rotating pairs. The members agreed that this sounded like a good idea. Cllr S Bott asked what time period applied to the stay of execution to the youth centre and he was informed that it was previously minuted that it is twelve months.

RESOLVED that the Clerk will liaise with Simon Hobbs in respect to setting a date for the Youth Political Speed Conference.

(b) **County Councillors' Report**

The latest on the sorry story of Job Evaluation is that the County Council have "agreed" with the three unions to offer FOUR years of back-pay and THREE years of full pay protection. The estimated cost of all this is about £94.8 million. It was argued that if the council tried to force a smaller amount of back-pay the cost could have escalated to as much as £150 million. Personally, I don't believe this argument which I feel is their attempt to disguise the fact that they have simply "caved in". Many other councils are offering much less "generous" deals.

The councils Medium Term Financial Strategy is going to be debated on Thursday 14th. The main headlines are:

1) A council tax rise of "only" 4%;

2) £11.4million will be taken from the reserves.

I apologise in advance for “labouring” (bad pun) this point, but although 4% may not sound a bad result, it has only been possible to keep it down to 4% by taking from the reserves. When you realise that the Council tax brings in to the county £280 million, then 1% extra would bring in another 2.8million. Had it not been for the reserves, then four more lots of

2.8million would have been needed which would mean a “true” rise of 8% (not 4%). All this when the County had a very good settlement from Central government — way above the shire average and much much better than the District council average.

There have been two very worthwhile meetings to discuss the Youth problems in Perton and the possible solutions. Many councillors were present at the second meeting which was held in the church. There were four subgroups set up and the one that I was in looked at Free Bus Transport for the age range of 11-19. I have agreed to do a scoping exercise at both the Middle school and the Youth club which I will report back to the various stakeholders in March.

I have done a separate sheet for Social Care and Health. The situation is definitely improving.

Finally there has been a mini reshuffle of the shadow cabinet. I have been asked to shadow the Development Services Directorate instead of Social Care and Health.

Councillor Robert J. Marshall

The members noted and accepted the report.

Cllr AK James stated that he had received complaints concerning position and brightness of the provision of new lampposts in Corfe Close and queried who was providing these, the District or the County Council? Cllr DJ Billson said that this was a County Council project and that they would listen to complaints when appropriate.

(c) **Local Services – Consultation**

Cllr Mrs P Allen queried if Perton bus services were being reduced to which Cllr D Heseltine stated that the base line is every 30 minutes and this has not changed and on Perton only the Sunday service is subsidised. Mrs Allen also asked if bus service would generally improve with the introduction of the new national pass. Cllr D Heseltine responded that this was purely a commercial decision on behalf of the bus companies and Cllr D Billson said that as apart of his strategic services role within SSDC he has requested a meeting with the deputy chief exec to express concerns. Cllr A Bourke said that Pattingham were not even getting the minimum service level and that there was a general deterioration in the service provided by Choice buses and sited incidents where passengers were having to pay supplements to West Midlands buses having bought Choice return bus tickets but the bus did not show up. Cllr Billson said that he would use his meeting with Steve Winterflood to progress these issues.

(d) **Tarmac Paths – The Parkway / Vehicle Activated Traffic Signs (VAS)**

Cllr A Bourke said that the response from County Council Highways was very predictable and queried if the shale path is actually owned by South Staffordshire District Council to which Cllr AK James responded that SSDC do own the majority of paths and should examine the condition of these.

RESOLVED that the Clerk will write to SSDC to request that Perton shale paths be checked and upgraded as appropriate and Cllr AK James will follow up.

(a) **MUGA**

The Clerk advised that:-

- £25k SSDC grant now approved subject to conditions.
- Two objections from members of public following notice of disposal of land/lease.
- Attended contract meeting with SSDC/SMP.
- LMIS grant received. (£5k for Muga & £1k for Playground))
- Voting complete in three schools, display now in Civic Centre 950 votes cast to date and virtually 50 / 50 between Option A & B.

Cllr A Bourke queried if progress was being made following the various emails concerning the lease to which the Clerk replied the matter seemed to be moving forward without problem although the lease documents had not yet been received. Cllr A Bourke also asked that formal thanks be extended to Mr Phil Pritchard in respect to his efforts towards the MUGA and Playground consultation

(b) **Play Initiative Grant Aid offer.**

RESOLVED that the Lottery terms and conditions past from SSDC to Perton Parish Council be accepted and the document was signed by the Parish Chairman and the Parish Clerk.

(c) **Locality Model – Forum Event 5th March**

RESOLVED that each member, having received a personal invitation, will confirm their own availability direct to South Staffordshire District Council.

(d) **Parish / District Council Liaison Group Consultation – Parish Comments**

Cllr DJ Billson commented that the Parish summit had been a very successful event and would encourage future repetition.

RESOLVED that the Clerk will return the form indicating general agreement from Perton Parish Council.

(e) **Councillors' Report:**

Cllr R Moreton informed the members that the Parish games will again be starting very soon, kicking off with the dominoes event on the 24th February. They are in particular need of runners, of all abilities, to cover a 4.5 mile course.

Cllr AK James said that he was involved in on-going discussions regarding the condition of the wall on the A41. He said that new rules were now available that may allow SSDC to enforce the existing owners to correct the problems whilst currently they seem to be checking on the available of grants to enable the walls to be fixed. Wrottesley Estate are the current owners of the part within Perton Parish.

Cllr DJ Billson reported the following:

On 15th January 2008 I attended the Regional Housing Forum at West Bromwich. The discussion was around 'What type and Where'.

Friday 18th I attended the Playground meeting

Monday 21st January 2008 I attended a meeting of the Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Forum in Stafford. This meeting was in response to Baroness Andrews letter

dealing with the increase in housing numbers.

Tuesday 22nd I attended a meeting of the Informal Executive. This was followed at 7pm by a meeting of the full council.

Thursday 24th January I chaired a Staffordshire wide forum dealing with the formulation of the Local Development Framework. This was supported by Hambleton Council, Yorkshire.

Friday 25th January, Birmingham for a meeting of the Regional Spatial Strategy in response to phase one and phase two of the governments replies.

Monday 28th January attended a 'Voice of the Region' conference at Villa Park where the keynote speaker was Liam Byrne, minister for the region. In the evening I attended a Locality Working presentation at Cheslyn Hay Leisure Centre.

On 29th January I visited Stoke on a fact finding tour to view the incinerator, a similar model of which is to be built in Four Ashes. This was followed in the afternoon by the Informal Executive and in the evening by a Regulatory Meeting.

On 30th January I attended a meeting of the Supporting Vulnerable People Group at Stafford.

Friday 1st February I chaired a meeting of the Service Review for Economic Development.

On 5th February I attended a meeting of South Staffs Tourism Group at Stretton. This was followed by an informal executive group meeting.

On 7th I chaired a South Staffs Supporting Vulnerable Group meeting at Codsall.

Cllr A Bourke asked if the trial for collecting food waste at Cheslyn Hay was still ongoing to which Cllr D Heseltine that it was though it was not going well.

Cllr Mrs C Young asked about recycling of Tetrapak and asked where are the collection points?

Cllr Mrs P Allen requested District Councillors support in her quest to try to identify the building boundaries for both the Civic Centre and Perton Church with regard to the planned utilisation of the new open space by Perton Nursery. The Clerk informed her that the land registry details in respect to the Civic Centre were available within the Clerk's office.

(f) **Bye-Laws, Perton Playing Fields - Signage**

The members considered the information provided by the District Council.

Cllr AK James stated that regardless of the lack of information provided by SSDC the bye-laws would go back to the time of Wrottesley Parish and these would be needed in order to protect PPC. A great deal of debate followed mainly regarding the definition of 'dogs under control' and whether or not they should be kept on a leash. Following further debate Cllr Mrs P Allen proposed that the signs should be worded much in line with the original statement but this was deferred pending further investigation.

RESOLVED that the Clerk will write again to SSDC asking them to investigate pertinent bye-laws applicable to Wrottesley Parish and also to check with both Codsall and Bilbrook Parish Councils to seek an understanding of their policies that relate to Playing Field areas.

178/08 **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Planning Applications received from South Staffordshire Council and reviewed by the Parish since the last Parish Council meeting on Monday 14th January, 2008.

Application No.	Proposals
08/00016/FUL	Two-storey side and single-storey rear extensions 1 Warwick Avenue, Perton, South Staffordshire WV6 7RN

The Council raised no objections to the above proposals.

07/01364/FUL	Demolition of existing bungalow and construction of new Five-bedroom dwelling Manesty, Pattingham Road, Perton, South Staffordshire WV6 7HD
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The Council raised no objections to the above proposals subject to conditions on footprint.

07/01341/FUL	Construction of covered external seating area on front elevation The Wrottesley Arms, Severn Drive, Perton, South Staffordshire.
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The Council object to the above proposals on the grounds that:

1. emergency vehicle access to Anders Square could be hindered
2. the materials do not match existing
3. it is too obtrusive into the street scene

DECISIONS

The following decisions received from South Staffordshire Council:

Application No.	Proposals	Decision
07/01249/FUL	Hard paving and steel boundary fencing to form a multi use games area – Upper Lake, The Parkway, Perton	Grant of Planning Permission
07/01296/FUL	Two storey side extension - 2 Pugin Close, Perton	Grant of Planning Permission
07/01212/FUL	First floor extension over existing garage - 26 Edward Road, Perton	Grant of Planning Permission
07/01318/FUL	Single storey side extension - 5 Naseby Road, Perton	Grant of Planning Permission
07/01343/FUL	Two storey side extension - 3 Cornmill Grove, Perton	Grant of Planning Permission

179/08 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

a) **List of Payments:**

The Clerk reported that the following accounts duly authorized by designated Member signatories had been paid.

List of Payments since last reviewed at the meeting of the Council on 14th January 2008

			£
02/01/08	STO	Kalidescope Limited	47.00
02/01/08	DD	SSDC Non -Domestic Rates	1199.00
02/01/08	BACS	Wages Week 40	1720.32
04/01/08	BACS	Inland Revenue	2282.47
04/01/08	BACS	Staffordshire CC Pension Fund	1169.67
08/01/08	103517	IRIS Business Software Ltd	190.35
		South Staffs Conservative Association -	
08/01/08	103518	Deposit Refund	150.00
08/01/08	103519	Brisol Limited	130.52
08/01/08	103520	OCS Group UK Limited t/a Cannon	30.56
08/01/08	103521	John Ellis Associates Limited	293.75
08/01/08	103522	Perton Place	55.00
08/01/08	103523	Mrs S.Watts - Deposit Refund	50.00
09/01/08	103524	S.Evans - Deposit Refund	50.00
09/01/08	BACS	Wages Week 41	859.90
15/01/08	103525	Nobisco Limited	111.06
15/01/08	103526	Edge Designs Ltd	235.00
15/01/08	103527	Veolia ES (UK) Limited	33.12
15/01/08	103528	Mrs A.Dawson - Deposit Refund	150.00
15/01/08	103529	Computacenter (UK) Limited	68.08
16/01/08	103530	MGD Solutions	196.00
16/01/08	BACS	Wages Week 42	1087.55
17/01/08	DD	Severn Trent	53.88
21/01/08	103531	L.Llewellyn - Deposit Refund	50.00
23/01/08	BACS	Wages Week 43	3650.51
24/01/08	DD	Unicom	59.50
25/01/08	DD	Drinkmaster Ltd	167.72
25/01/08	DD	British Gas - Electricity	549.01
25/01/08	DD	British Gas - Gas	802.90
25/01/08	103532	South Staffordshire District Council	3377.45
25/01/08	103533	South Staffordshire District Council	132.01
		Harlequin Pantomime Productions-Deposit	
28/01/08	103534	Refund	250.00
28/01/08	103535	Perton Pets & Garden Supplies	27.61
28/01/08	103536	ADT Fire & Security PLC	111.63
29/01/08	BACS	Wages Week 44	1116.80
30/01/08	103537	Hi-Tech Security Print Ltd	41.72
		TOTALS	20500.09

b) **2007 / 2008 Budget-to-date:**

The budget figures for income and expenditure up to 31/1/2008 were noted.

180/08 **CLERKS' REPORT – FEBRUARY 2008**

Matters ongoing / resolved as at 11th February 2008

- Community Paths Initiative – Bids for 2008/2009
- Update regarding consultation addresses for planning applications and statement that

'Electronic Consultations on Planning Applications' will be available via dcapps@sstaffs.gov.uk

- NALC advise Section 137 Indexation for 2008 / 2009 set at £5.86 per elector (tbc)
- Staffs CC – Development Services Directorate: 'Local List' Consultation for validation for planning applications via www.staffordshire.gov.uk/planning via the 'Applications' channel. Comments before 5pm on 4/3/2008 please.
- Consultation on orders and regulations relating to the conduct of Local Authority Members in England. Consultation Document in Clerks Office comments required by 15/2/2008.
- South Staffordshire Housing Market Assessment 2007. Executive Summary held in Clerks Office full copies of HMA available for download via <http://www.sstaffs.gov.uk/Default.aspx?page=14262>
- Wolverhampton Airport Action Group – Response to 'Preferred Option' of WMRSS Phase 2 Revision held in Clerks Office.
- The Clerk reminded all members that the Leisure Committee meeting originally scheduled for 21st February has now been moved to 6.30pm on Thursday 6th March in order to accommodate Dave Heywood and Tony Ward from SSDC.

181/08 **LITTER WARDEN – ANDERS SQUARE / JOHAL DAIRIES**

Cllrs Mrs P Pitt, Mrs A James and A Bourke left the room for this item. The members noted the comments from First City and were pleased to see the revision to the litter warden's starting hours. There was some debate regarding areas to be covered and methodology to ensure the correct areas are being cleaned at the correct time.

RESOLVED that this item be reviewed again in three months time.

182/08 **LEISURE CENTRE – CLLR.D.HESELTINE**

Cllr D Heseltine stated given the recent report and information from Alliance Leisure it was evident that any leisure facility on Perton that was designed to incorporate a swimming pool would not be cost effective or within the means of the Parish Council and therefore he suggested that in order to focus on the future rather than the history the Parish Council should drop the idea of a swimming pool and concentrate on some form of facility that was viable. Cllr DJ Billson said that anything that came to Perton of this sort would require partnership working with SSDC who have stated emphatically that they will not support the provision of a pool, he further stated that any other partner that may be considered would have to be a commercial entity and therefore not viable. Following some discussion between the members it was decided that there was nothing to be lost or gained before the meeting with Davey Heywood and therefore any decision would be made after the meeting on the 6th March 2008.

183/08 **CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**

(a) **Nominations**

The Clerk informed the members that to-date only one formal nomination had been received in the over 18 category but a further nomination in the under 18 category was expected although the paperwork had been temporary mislaid.

(b) **Award**

RESOLVED that the award for the over 18 category would be a cut glass rose bowl and £50 cash plus a Perton Parish plaque, and the under 18 award would be a Perton Parish plaque plus £25 cash.

STANDING ORDER No 79

RESOLVED that Standing Order No 79 (Length of Meeting) be suspended.

184/08 **BUS SHELTERS**

The Clerk showed the members a sample of steel panel that had recently been adopted for use in shelters in the Telford area and queried whether or not they felt it would be suitable for Perton. The Councillors, however, decided that this material is very unattractive and declined to pursue its use. Cllr AK James mentioned the deteriorated state of the shelter on the A41 at Kingswood but also stated that this shelter was within the Parish boundaries of Codsall.

RESOLVED that the Clerk will contact MGD to obtain a new assessment of the existing Perton Village shelters together with a quotation for repairs and also write to Codsall Parish to request that they give consideration to refurbishment of the shelter at Kingswood.

185/08 **ANDERS SQUARE NOTICE BOARD**

RESOLVED that, following considerable water ingress to the Anders Sq notice board the Clerk will contact Acorn Signs in Sedgley or similar to invite them to offer a solution for the notice board problems.

186/08 **REQUEST FOR DONATION / CONCESSIONARY ROOM HIRE**

(a) **South Staffordshire Council for Voluntary Service**

RESOLVED that a donation of £200 be made.

(b) **Perton Playing Fields Association**

RESOLVED that the second half-yearly payment be made.

(c) **Perton First School – Room Hire**

RESOLVED that the room hire be allowed at the concessionary rate.

(d) **Perton Carnival 2008**

One or two queries were raised regarding the appended accounts for 2007 and these will be checked out by Cllr Mrs P Allen and the matter will then be reconsidered.

187/08 **CORRESPONDENCE**

(a) **Geese Issues – Perton First School**

The members considered the letters from Perton First School and Cllr AK James stated that this was an ongoing issue and Cllr DJ Billson said that he believed that due to previous concerns regarding Bird Flu the District Council had not been allowed to puncture eggs in recent years because of health and safety issues, and therefore the bird population had increased.

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to the school to advise recent history and remedial works around Upper Lake, and also to the District Council to check out current position.

(b) **Perton Landscaping**

This information was noted and the members are aware that the District Council is making additional efforts to ensure the Penk leaving the Lower Lake is cleared as soon as possible.

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 10th March 2008 @ 7.00 pm

The meeting closed @ 10.00 pm

Chairman
10th March 2008